



Endangered and Threatened Species and Critical Habitats
under the Jurisdiction of the NOAA Fisheries



Southeast Region

Listed Species	Scientific Name	Status	Date Listed
Marine Mammals			
blue whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
Caribbean monk seal	<i>Monachus tropicalis</i>	Endangered	3/11/67
finback whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
humpback whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
right whale	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
sei whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
sperm whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
Turtles			
green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Threatened ¹	07/28/78
hawksbill sea turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Endangered	06/02/70
Kemp's ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Endangered	06/02/70
loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Threatened	07/28/78
olive ridley	<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>	Threatened	07/28/78
Fish			
Gulf sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi</i>	Threatened	09/30/91
shortnose sturgeon	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	Endangered	03/11/67
smalltooth sawfish	<i>Pristis pectinata</i>	Endangered	04/01/03
Seagrasses			
Johnson's seagrass	<i>Halophila johnsonii</i>	Threatened	09/14/98

Species Proposed for Listing
None

Proposed Critical Habitat
None

¹ Green turtles are listed as threatened, except for breeding populations of green turtles in Florida and on the Pacific Coast of Mexico, which are listed as endangered



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Designated Critical Habitat

Green sea turtle: The waters extending seaward 3 nautical miles (5.6 km) from the mean high water line of Culebra Island, Puerto Rico.

Gulf Sturgeon: A final rule designating Gulf sturgeon critical habitat was published on March 19, 2003 (68 FR 13370) and 14 geographic areas (units) among the Gulf of Mexico rivers and tributaries were identified. Maps and details regarding the final rule can be found at alabama.fws.gov/gs

Hawksbill sea turtle: The waters extending seaward 3 nautical miles (5.6 km) from the mean high water line of Mona and Monito Islands, Puerto Rico

Johnson's seagrass: A final rule designating Johnson's seagrass critical habitat was published on April 5, 2000 (65 FR 17786) and 10 geographic areas (units) within the range of the species were identified along the east coast of Florida.

Leatherback sea turtle: The waters adjacent to Sandy Point, U.S. Virgin Islands, up to and inclusive of the waters from the hundred fathom curve shoreward to the level of mean high tide with boundaries at 1742'12"N and 6450'00"W.

Right whale: Between 31°15'N (approximately the mouth of the Altamaha River, Georgia) and 30°15'N (approximately Jacksonville, Florida) from the coast out to 15 nautical miles offshore; the coastal waters between 30°15'N and 28°00'N (approximately Sebastian Inlet, Florida) from the coast out to 5 nautical miles



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Candidate Species ²	Scientific Name
Invertebrates	
elkhorn coral	<i>Acropora palmata</i>
staghorn coral	<i>Acropora cervicornis</i>
fused-staghorn coral	<i>Acropora prolifera</i>

Species of Concern ³	Scientific Name
Fish	
Alabama shad	<i>Alosa alabamae</i>
Atlantic sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus</i>
barndoor skate	<i>Raja laevis</i>
dusky shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>
goliath grouper	<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>
key silverside	<i>Menidia conchorum</i>
largetooth sawfish	<i>Pristis pristis</i>
mangrove rivulus	<i>Rivulus marmoratus</i>
Nassau grouper	<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>
night shark	<i>Carcharhinus signatus</i>
opossum pipefish	<i>Microphis brachyurus lineatus</i>
saltmarsh topminnow	<i>Fundulus jenkinsi</i>
sand tiger shark	<i>Odontaspis taurus</i>
speckled hind	<i>Epinephelus drummondhayi</i>
striped croaker	<i>Bairdiella sanctaeluciae</i>
Warsaw grouper	<i>Epinephelus nigritus</i>
white marlin	<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>
Invertebrates	
ivory bush coral	<i>Oculina varicosa</i>

² The Candidate Species List has been renamed the Species of Concern List. The term "candidate species" is limited to species that are the subject of a petition to list and for which NOAA Fisheries has determined that listing may be warranted (69 FR 19975).

³ Species of Concern are not protected under the Endangered Species Act, but concerns about their status indicate that they may warrant listing in the future. Federal agencies and the public are encouraged to consider these species during project planning so that future listings may be avoided.